

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2359 - SB 2221

January 27, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Renames emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and emergency medical technician-paramedics (EMT-Ps) as emergency medical services personnel, defined as individuals certified or licensed by the Emergency Medical Services Board in accordance with various categories and classifications of licenses or certificates that the Board establishes. Authorizes the Board to enter into agreements or contracts with any person to assist impaired professionals who are licensed, permitted or certified by the Board. Authorizes a licensee, permit or certificate holder, and an ambulance service to renew their licenses within 60 days following the license expiration date, upon payment of the renewal fee in addition to a late penalty. Limits the late penalty maximum to twice the amount of the renewal fee. Requires reapplication for licensure if the license is not renewed within 60 days. Authorizes a licensee to upgrade or downgrade a license by submitting the appropriate documentation to the Emergency Medical Services Division (EMSD) administrative office, by completing any requirements and paying any fees established by the Board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation will facilitate EMSD in implementing scopes of practice and classifications of emergency medical services (EMS) personnel licensure as reflected in the National EMS Scope of Practice Model adopted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2005.
- The implementation and administration of the provisions of this bill will have a not significant fiscal or administrative impact on DOH or EMSD and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any additional renewal fees and penalties collected are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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